

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR A
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

Agency: Child and Family Services Agency
Caption: Family Coaching Model Services and Supports for District Youth and Families
Contractor: Community Connections, Inc.
Contract Number: DCRL-2019-C-0007
Expiration Date: November 29, 2020

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701 and 1702(d).

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), requires the services of a contractor to provide specialized subject matter experts in the implementation and sustainability of the District's Family Peers Coaching Project which includes the Evidence Based Practice (EBP) model, Strengthening Family Coping Resources (SFCR). The contractor must be able to implement the SFCR, EBP model and therefore have the training and certification in SFCR from the University of Maryland. The certification and implementation of SFCR can only be obtained through Dr. Laurel Kiser, University of Maryland School of Medicine and includes 2-day workshop, ongoing consultation calls, and supervision with experienced supervisor and/or consultants from SFCR.

The sole source contractor, Community Connections, Inc. under a contract award will be required to engage CFSA-involved families who have complex multi-generational trauma, for the purposes of increasing the number of children who can remain safely in their homes. The contractor services promote CFSA families utilizing of resources by increasing their engagement with peer and professional support within their community along with offering a trauma based treatment model that supports multiple families.

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

\$225,000.00

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

Child and Family Services Agency has funded the continuation of the Coaching Model Services and Supports for District Youth and Families via MOU which the vendor, Community Connections, Inc. was the original contractor supporting the District's implementation of the program. The contractor's contribution to the program's original success, knowledge of the program requirements, and professional experience as a behavioral health subject matter expert for

the youth and their families will support the District in delivering services cost effectively and timely without impacting competition.

Market research thru the Department of Behavior Health (DBH) has identified Community Connections, Inc. as the only contractor provider network with the capability of providing the Family Coaching Model Service and Support that requires specific certification and training in the SFCR. CFSA through DBH's procurement office has verified professional certifications the contractor holds which is critical to the District's program success in delivering serviced for CFSA families.

The District's market research further indicates that Community Connections, Inc. is the only contractor that has the necessary capability, relationship and unique specialized certifications as specified below:

- (a) Capability and capacity to deliver Family Coaching Model Services;
- (b) Possess a CFSA issued Child Choice Provider certification to deliver mental health services for District authorized consumes. The certification focuses on mental health services and supports for the child welfare population;
- (c) The Contractor is the only CFSA mental health network provider to possess both CFSA issued Choice Provider certification and the highly specialized family coaching evidence based certification;
- (d) Contractor has satisfactory past performance with CFSA in first year of implementing the Family Peers Coaching project;
- (e) Has completed SFCR training in 2015 and hold the certification issued by the University of Maryland in good standing as verified on December 2017;
- (f) Professional experience includes a history of successful implementing of SFCR. CFSA also verified contractor's experience delivering program focused on trauma and peer oriented to include a peer to peer recovery programming.

It is in the best interest of the District to issue a sole source contract to support CFSA consumers and their families who are identified as being highly traumatized and complex so they can receive the specialized evidenced based model, Strengthening Family Coping Resources (SFCR) to address their behavioral health needs via Community Connections, Inc.,

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Brenda Donald
Director

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the Sole Source method of procurement.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer